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OF THE
26TH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
TISHOMINGO
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD AT BALDWIN, MISS.

October 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1886.

OFFICERS.

JOHN D. BILLS,
W. A. RICHARDSON,

Moderator
Clerk.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. L. Skinner, Pres.; J. H. Taylor, F. M. Morris,
T. F. Holt, T. W. Jones, J. W. Burrell,
C. E. Stanley, J. D. Bills, Ex-officio member.
W. A. Richardson, Ex-officio member, Sec. & Treas.

NEXT MEETING.

PLACE:—Cane Creek.

TIME:—Friday before 1st Sunday in October, 1887, at 10 a. m.

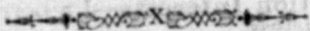


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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TISHOMINGO ♦ BAPTIST ♦ ASSOCIATION.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1886.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The Association met with BALDWIN Church at Baldwin, Lee County, Miss., Friday at 10 o'clock, A. M., before the 1st Lord's Day in October, 1886. John D. BILLS, Moderator and W. A. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

The Association was called to order by the Chair, and after a short time spent in devotional exercises, proceeded to business. The Chair appointed Elders W L Skinner and J T Killough, Reading Clerks,

A quorum being present, the Association proceeded to permanent organization. The ballot being announced, John D. Bills was declared elected Moderator, and W. A. Richardson, Clerk. Correspondence being called for, Elders L S Owen and J C Gillentine responded as messengers from the Judson Association; Elders A B Smith and T K Stricklin from West Judson; also Elder R M Perry, S M Weatherford, from Tombigbee Association; all of whom were cordially received and invited to seats with us. The Chair announced the following committee on "State of Religion: Elders L R Burress, W M Henderson. A C Vandiver. The Association then adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

At 11 o'clock the Association Sermon was preached by Elder J H Taylor. Text: I Corinthians, 4, 21.

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3. Appoint Messengers to other religious bodies.
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6. Appoint time and place for next session of this body, and elect Elder to preach Associational sermon.
7. Resolutions and miscellaneous business.

The Chair then appointed the following Committees:

Devotional Exercises—T W Jones, A J Dalton, with the Pastor and Deacons of Baldwin Church.

Proper Observance of the Sabbath—Eld. W M Henderson, T F Holt, W P McGee, J P Povall and W W Salyers.

Finance—W P McGee, W L Burrow, T J McDonald, Jr., A J Dalton and G W Bishop.

Temperance—J H Taylor, S D Chapman, Mark Franks, W L Skinner, and J S Berry.

Woman's Work—Sister K A Seay, L R Burress, J H Taylor, W L Skinner and J S Berry.

Obituaries—W R Richardson, and the Senior Delegate from each church.

Literary and Publication Interests—J S Berry, John Gray, W M Henderson, E T Smith and J W Burress.

Schools and Colleges—J T Killough, L R Burress, E T Smith, J A P Brauer and J M Martin.

Missions—W L Skinner, A C Vandiver, J L Gray, O N J Stephenson and H L Conn.

Sabbath Schools—T W Jones, William Nunnally, W E Thomas, F P Smith and A J Evans.

The Chair then appointed the following Messengers to other religious bodies, to wit:

Tippah Association—J S Berry, W L Burrow, W L Skinner, J T Killough.

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Booneville Colored Association—L R Burress, J P Povall, J W Smith, T W Jones, W L Skinner.

Judson Association—meets 8 miles east of Aberdeen on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's Day in Sept. 1887—J S Berry, L R Burress, E Thomas, W L Skinner.

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J W T Derryberry, Geo Wooten.

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A petitionary letter was presented and read from Concord Baptist Church asking admission into this body. On motion received Concord Church as a member of this body.

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Night Session.

Association met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by J S Berry. W L Skinner, for committee, read report on "Woman's Work," which, after discussion by L R Burrese, J H Taylor, W L Skinner and J B Gambrell, was on motion, adopted. Adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

MONDAY, Oct. 4th.

Association met at 8 o'clock a.m. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder W L Skinner. Roll of Delegates called and absentees marked.

Report read and adopted on "Proper Observance of the Sabbath." Report on Obituaries read and adopted. Report on Sabbath Schools adopted. Report on Foreign Missions, read by Elder J B Gambrell, was on motion, ordered printed in our Minutes. Elder W L Skinner read Report on Missions; and Report of Executive Board, after being discussed, were adopted. Report on Finance adopted.

The following Resolutions were offered by Elder W L Skinner, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby extended to the members of this Church and the community, for the very hospitable manner in which all have been entertained; to Miss Kittie Burrese, organist, and the Choir; also to the Mobile and Ohio Railroad for reduced rates, and to the Methodist Episcopal Church for use of house.

Resolved, That the Clerk have \$10 for his services; and the balance of Minute fund be appropriated to Minutes and Expense account; also, that our thanks be tendered the Moderator and Clerk for the very efficient way they have discharged their duties.

On motion, Sister K. A. Seay was elected Vice President of the Central Committee for this Association.

Here the Moderator announced the business of the Association as finished; when, on motion, the body adjourned to meet at Cane Creek Church, four miles West of Corinth, Miss., on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, 1887.

After some appropriate remarks by Elders J H Taylor and E T Smith, a song—"There's a Land that is Fairer than Day," was sung. The parting hand was given to each other. Benediction by Elder J B Gambrell.

JOHN D. BILLS, Moderator.

W. A. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

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On State of Religion.

Your Committee reported last year an unusual revival and a greater ingathering than in any former year. From information gathered from the letters of the Churches, read before this body, a great manifestation of God's goodness is still given, and the interest in the cause of our Zion continues. Many conversions are reported, and sinners are enquiring about the way of life. May the good Lord continue with us and bless us, and may we be more abundantly revived. The whitened fields, ready for the harvest, are still before us; Lord help us, and God be praised for his goodness.

L. R. BURRESS,
W. M. HENDERSON,
A. C. VANDIVER.

On Publications.

Your Committee on Publications beg leave to report, that as the servants of God we ought to be wide awake to the fact that the printing press is a great and growing power in the land. Who can estimate the amount of reading matter that goes to the millions of homes throughout our broad country; much of it is bad literature, corrupting the people and hindering the progress of the gospel. On the other hand the printing press is an immense power for good, and is doing much toward spreading abroad the truth. We refer with pleasure to the Sunday School publications—both of the American Baptist Publication Society and of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. These helps in Sunday School work are simply invaluable. We also mention the Foreign Mission Journal, which ought to be in every family in the Association. But we call attention especially, to the Baptist Record, published at Jackson, Miss. This noble paper is doing much towards unifying the Baptists of Mississippi in their great work. It also exerts no little influence in establishing its readers in the truths of God's word, and in promoting piety in their hearts and lives. It is a friend to Missions and Education, and greatly encourages these two departments of Christian work. We urge our brethren to take the Record; let it go to all your homes and blessed results will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BERRY, Chairman.

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ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee take pleasure in nominating the following named Brethren as members of your Executive Board for the ensuing Association years, 1886 and 1887, viz: W. L. Skinner, J. H. Taylor, F. M. Morris, T. F. Holt, T. W. Jones, J. W. Burress, C. E. Stanley and Moderator and Clerk ex-officio members. We nominate Eld. J. S. Berry to preach the Association Sermon at our next meeting and B. F. Taylor alternate, respectfully submitted, W. M. HENDERSON, Ch'm.

 Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report: We believe that a Sabbath School is conducive of much good. Time and space will not permit us to enumerate the vast and great good that may be accomplished in a well organized Sabbath School. This field of labor is boundless. The influence upon the mental and moral capacities of the young and only be realized and poorly estimated by those who participate in the Sunday School work. The mental training in this work is truly grand, for it lays the foundation upon solid truths, those which are paramount to all others, that of the word of God, and which elevates our mental aspirations to a higher plane of duty. Then morally it is a grand success, throwing around especially the young that moral restraint which is so necessary to the development of the moral character of the youths of our country. We believe no better place can be found for the proper training of children, morally speaking, than the Sabbath School. There we believe that the influence in these two directions leads to a still higher and grander work, that of preparing the heart for the reception of the truth as it is in Christ. This is a field where all Christians can work either for their own development and growth, or the good of others or both. Then we believe furthermore, that all Superintendents and Teachers in Sabbath Schools should be Christians, for if the blind lead the blind what will be the result? We are glad to know the prejudice against Sabbath Schools is rapidly giving way. We can remember even in our Association there were public objections made, but now we can scarcely ever hear of any objections at all, but they are receiving encouragement upon all sides. We trust this subject will receive due consideration by this Association, and that the time will soon come when every church in the Association will have a well organized Sabbath School. Respectfully submitted.

T. W. JONES, Ch'm'n,

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On Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows:—
Whereas the manufacture and sale of liquor, and the use of it as a beverage in our land, is the enemy of Science, Civilization, and the Religion of the Bible; and whereas, its removal from among us must prove a blessing socially, politically and religiously. Therefore,

Resolved, That we rejoice with the workers, and thank God for present progress of temperance in our midst.

Resolved, That we declare ourselves in accord with the report adopted by our last State convention in Meridian.

Resolved, That as temperance work is work for God and his glory, we should go to the fountain of all wisdom and ask God's direction in our efforts to suppress this matchless evil.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. TAYLOR,
S. D. CHAPMAN,
MARK FRANKS,
W. L. SKINNER,
J. S. BERRY.

 SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Education demands the earnest attention and efforts of our people, and Baptists should not fail to take an advanced position to attain its benefits. Our facilities for education is far in advance of what it has been; the means of obtaining an education is easy of access: to all the importance of its advantages to our young people is second only to giving them the Gospel. Indeed the two are so blended that fidelity to the cause of Christ demands Education of our people. All around us are schools ably and efficiently conducted and within the bounds of our Association are high schools taught by Baptists, eminently fitted to qualify the children of our denomination to prepare for Colleges and Universities, and the cause of Education is increasing. We refer with pleasure to Mississippi College. It belongs to us and its value can scarcely be over-estimated. We beg leave to call attention to other institutions accessible to us and worthy of our support, we refer to Blue Mountain Female College, also to the Male Academy at Blue Mountain, under the management of Brothers W. H. M. Durham and J. W. Lee; Prof. W. I. Gibson's school at Rienzi, J. O. Looney's school at Jacinto and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. We must Educate. Respectfully submitted,

J. T. KILLOUGH, Ch'm'n.

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Woman's Work.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following. We recognize from what has been done in the past that woman has a work, besides her first and highest mission as home maker and home keeper. There are many cases which, by the gentle influence and the warm and sympathetic heart with which God has endowed her, she can reach where man with his sterner nature might fail. Especially do we recommend as peculiarly fitted to her, the Sabbath School work, the Mission work and the Temperance cause. We have noticed that where mothers attend the Sabbath School, their children are always regular attendants, and we would urge upon the Sisters, not only to send their children, but bring them to Sabbath School, as that is one of our most efficient sources of training up our children for the Master's service, and we trust that while our Brethren will consider none of the responsibility of this work taken from them, that each Sister shall consider the Sabbath School as a part of her work. We also suggest that ministers of this body, so far as practicable, urge upon the Sisters of their respective churches the necessity of their uniting themselves into a society in the church to forward the cause of Missions both at home and abroad, and also to oppose with all their united strength the great evil of intemperance which has wrecked so many of our bright and shining light and sent so many of our loved ones to darkness and woe. We trust they will go on in their good work, looking to God for strength and guidance until the light of the gospel shall shine over the universe and the evil of the world, intemperance shall be banished from the land.

Respectfully,

KATIE SEAY,
L. R. BURRESS,
W. L. SKINNER,
J. H. TAYLOR,
J. S. BERRY.

Proper Observance of the Sabbath.

We are assured that we as a denomination and as a people do not pay that regard, and appreciate the Lord's day as we should, "In six days God created the Heavens and the earth and on the seventh day he hallowed it, and commanded us to 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.'" We call attention, that resting from labor is not observing the command from a divine standpoint, but to keep it holy. We suggest and urge that Baptists take a higher stand on this subject. Anciently God never blessed Israel when his day was not honored. We have the faith that if we as denomination and a people, would bring in the tithes we would cease complaining of weak churches and a low state of religion, poor Missionaries; etc., but God would pour out a blessing that would make us thank and praise his name for his goodness. We recommend that each member of this Association, as well as preachers earnestly urge and impress all at home and whom they may come in contact with to a more earnest and better observance of the Lord's day.

W. M. HENDERSON, Ch'm'n.

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Obituaries.

Your Committee on Obituaries submit the following: One by one we are passing over the River. Since your last meeting, so far as your committee can ascertain, twenty four of our members have passed away and while we toil on here, we trust that they sweetly rest under the shade of the tree. Respectfully submitted,

W. K. RICHARDSON, Ch'm'n.

NAMES OF DEAD.

Antioch.—Sister Elizabeth Earnest and Sister Owen.

Booneville.—Bro. J. M. Roland.

Brush Creek.—Sisters Mary Mathis and Bettie Gaines.

Corinth.—Deacon Wm. New. Bro. Allen New, Sister Jennie Owen and Sister Mattie Childs,

Cane Creek.—Sister Nora Smith and Sister Bettie Fulcher.

Glendale.—Bro. W. H. Chandler, Bro. Frederick Blakeney and Sister Lucinda Haynie.

Hinkle's Creek.—Bro. W. R. Dandridge and Bro. J. C. Kelley.

Iuka.—Bro. Warren Truss, Sister Mary Alexander and Sister Elizabeth Gilbert.

Mount Olive.—Deacon W. A. Davis and Sister Mary Sheppard.

Meadow Creek.—Sister Maherva Everett.

Rienzi.—Sister Ellen Gurlee.

Short Creek.—M. J. Sheffield.

Tuscumbia.—Teressie Butler.

Report of Vice President Board of Foreign Missions.

TO TISHOMINGO ASSOCIATION.—DEAR BRE HREN: The opportunities of obeying Christ's command to give the heathen the gospel, were never so great as now. All doors are open now—now 5,000 miles of railway in heathen lands, and 20,000 miles of newly explored river way, all set with populous cities, some having over 1,000,000 inhabitants, await the gospel. Six per cent of money given to missions now pays the way of the missionaries to and from the field. The need is urgent also, now there are over 1,000,000,000 heathen, three-fourths of these have never heard one gospel word. These cannot wait, they must go; they die 30,000,000 a year; and in 33 years will all have died. Other denominations and Baptists in other lands are striving to give these perishing ones the gospel. These bodies raise \$10,000,000 a year for missions. They have 3,700 men and 2,500 women missionaries; also 850,000 heathen converts, of whom near 50,000 were added last year. The success of mission work also is everywhere good, twice as great as work in the home field; and sometimes wonderful. Thus among the Telogoos in 45 years 26,000 converts were made, hewn out of the rock of heathenism, and formed into Baptist churches.

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OUR OWN MISSIONARIES.

These were increased last year, from 21 men and 26 women to 29 men and 30 women. From our State have gone, W. J. David and wife to Africa, J. H. Eager to Rome and E. Z. Simmons to China. Our contributions also were increased from \$71,000 in 1885 to \$78,000 in 1886. Of this Mississippi Baptists gave near \$4,000; an increase of about \$500 over last year. Much more is needed for the coming year—at least \$10,000 is needed, and unless that much is raised, our foreign mission work will be greatly hindered.

STATISTICS.

Our China missions have suffered greatly during the last two years by reason of the war between France and China. Baptized last year only 17; members 270. In Italy, baptized, 24; members 288. In Brazil, baptized, 41; members 140. In Africa, baptized, 18; members, 125.

MORE LABORERS NEEDED.

Besides the 12 new missionaries sent out last year, many more are needed this year. In Mexico Bro. Powell calls for men for five cities, with 50,000 inhabitants each. In Brazil, Bro. Taylor wants men for Minas Geraes and Pernambuco. Bro. Eubank in Africa wants men; Bro. Yates in China wants very many men for the great capitals of the interior, while Japan, with her 36,000,000 people, is begging for missionaries and teachers from civilized countries.

The need of Christian workers in heathen lands is now very great indeed: 40,000 men would not be more than enough. Our duty, brethren, Christ commands us to give these people the Gospel. It is a duty laid upon us; we are commanded to teach all nations, "Matt. 28: 18, and to witness for Christ 'unto the uttermost parts of the earth.'" Acts 1: 8. And we are able to give these people the gospel and to do it now if we wanted to. We have men enough and money enough and the way is open. Christ himself has gone before us; he has pulled down the very mountains and filled up the valleys for us, and we ought to follow his leading. Brethren, we believe it is our duty to preach and teach missions daily; that such a course would be well pleasing to Christ; that it would greatly destroy covetousness, evil speaking, envy, lust and every passion from among our churches; and keep them pure; that it would greatly promote every virtue and grace; and bring salvation to multitudes, who otherwise will go down to hell. Conclusion. What now will this Association do in this matter? What will the ministers do, and the churches, what will they do? Will we all sit still while the heathen parish? How then will we answer God? Your Vice-President asks in the Boards behalf, that this report be printed in your Minutes, that the churches may read, and that the Association recommend its ministers, its delegates, and churches to assume their full share of the mission work; that the matter be kept perpetually before them; and that they do raise for the coming year such contributions for the work

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as will please God, and fully discharge their obligation in giving the Gospel to the heathen. Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE WHITFIELD,
Vice-President r. M. B.

Missions.

The Christian religion is a missionary religion. A scriptural church is a missionary church, and every true christian is missionary. The Savior himself was missionary. He was the sent from Heaven to earth. His life on earth was a missionary life. He said, as the Father has sent me, even so I send you, I will make you fishers of men. This sending, this catching men has no limit—knows no bound. To the church, He said, "Go into all the world. Go teach all nations, he that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved." The heaven must do its work upon the particles of meal nearest, and also upon the whole lump. To obey our Savior, we must see that the Gospel in its purity is preached in the destitute places in our own Association, in our State, and also throughout the world. Every nationality is to be saved, how can they be saved without faith? How can they believe on Him of whom they have not heard. We are their debtors. They must hear through the church that has heard. The church must hold up Christ, that all the world be drawn unto Him. Brethren, let us awake to righteousness. Let us wake up each other, and never cease our efforts until every church within the bounds of this Association has helped in the mission work. It is more blessed, the Savior said, to give than receive. Our weak churches, that are anxious to receive and become strong, can only do so by giving. Jesus said, they should have good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over. Let us remember what measure we mete, shall be measured to us again. Your committee recommend that the pastors and deacons make an effort to secure a contribution from each member of the several churches of this Association, for the objects fostered by the Association. Also, we recommend that the churches co operate with our State Board, and that quarterly collections be taken by each church, and said amounts be forwarded to the Executive Board of this Association. Respectfully submitted,

W. L. SKINNER, Ch'm'n.

RESOLVED, That we consider the \$1200 asked of us by the Convention Board none too much for this Association to give, to spread the Gospel in all lands, and we urge the churches to respond to this call in full measure by taking up a collection each quarter.

Resolution amended and adopted.

RESOLVED, That the apportionment made by the Association to the several churches, for last year, be made for this Associational year.

 REPORTS.

Report of Executive Board,

DEAR BRETHREN :—Your Board met Oct. 26th, 1885 at Booneville and settled with your missionaries in full for services for 1884-5, which is published in last year's minutes. In November we met at Corinth and appointed the following brethren to supply weak churches, and Missionate at destitute points. Eld. J. C. Hughes to supply Mt. Pleasant church, with salary supplemented \$15. The church to pay her apportionment for missions, \$5. Also Union Grove, No. 2, with \$25 supplement, and the church to pay apportionment \$2.50. His wife sickened and died, which compelled him to abandon the work. Eld. W. M. Henderson was then employed to supply Union Grove No. 2. Eld. Henderson is our missionary at Danville on a salary of \$25. His report shows, 200 miles traveled, 30 sermons preached, 43 families visited, 18 hymn books sold, two Sabbath School addresses delivered and four prayer meetings attended. While we have made no material advance, yet we trust seed has been sown that will ripen into a great harvest. The Board agreed to supplement Eld. B. F. Taylor's salary at Coln's Chapel, a church organized by Eld. W. G. Thompson, when missionary of this Association. Bro. Taylor's report shows, 431 miles traveled, 41 sermons preached, 42 families visited, 3 Sabbath School addresses, 12 conversions, 6 baptisms, \$6.90 collected for missions, 24 days work. This church proposes to take care of herself next year. We employed Eld. J. S. Berry to preach once a month at Jacinto, salary \$75, he held a meeting with several conversions. Also to supply Jericho; held a meeting of more than a week, some 12 conversions, two baptisms. They have undertaken to build a house of worship. Bro. Berry has collected \$130 outside his field of labor for this house. A fine outlook for a good strong church. His supplemented salary at this place is \$25. Eld. J. Skinner supplies Spring Hill church with a salary of \$20. He has supplied the church regularly and held a meeting of seven days. Reports 4 baptisms, 30 sermons, 240 miles travelled and one restored to fellowship. Eld. J. L. Gray has been preaching at Prior's school house, salary \$12. He reports 17 sermons preached, 7 exhortations, 12 families visited, 20 conversions and 8 baptisms. Eld. S. D. Chapman to labor at Jumpertown. He organized a church (Concord) and reports a number of baptisms and outlook encouraging. Here is much work for us to do in our own field, in fostering and strengthening our feeble churches, as well as supplying our destitutions. Come up brethren to the help of the Lord in the evangelizing of our bounds. Yours,

W. L. SKINNER, Ch'm'n.

W. A. RICHARDSON, Sec'y.

Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, report that we have received \$35 for \$35 for Minute fund. Respectfully submitted,

W. P. MCGEE, Ch'm'n.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER—Ordained Ministers.

Akins, E. T., Geeville, Miss.,	Jameson, J. D., Corinth, Miss.
Burress, L. R., Baldwyn, "	Lancaster, J., Pocahontas, Tenn.
Berry, J. S., Baldwyn, "	Moreland, Thos., Chewalla, "
Byrd, J. H., Hightown, "	Norman, W. L., Eagle, Miss.
Butler, W. C., Theo, "	Patterson, W. C., Burnsville, "
Calvary, W. J., Hightown, "	Skinner, W. L., Kossuth, "
Chambers, J. C., Burnsville, "	Savage, H. G., Henderson, Tenn.
Chapman, S. D., Geeville, "	Salyers, W. W., Burnsville, Miss.
Evans, A. J., Geeville, "	Skinner, J., Burnsville, "
Gray, J. L., Burnsville, "	Savage, G. H., Rienzi, "
Gurley, B. M., Corinth, "	Simmons, E. Z., Canton, China.
Gilbert, H. C., Chewalla, Tenn.	Spencer, H. C., Burrow, Miss.
Henderson, W. M., Hinkle, Miss.	Smith, E. T., Booneville, "
Henderson, J. K. P., Corinth, "	Taylor, J. H., Booneville, "
Harris, J. T., Burnt Mills, "	Taylor, B. F., Kossuth, "
Hughes, J. C., Jacinto, "	Vandiver, A. C., Geeville, "
Harris, J. Thomas, Rienzi, "	

LICENTIATES.

Blakeney, W. H., Burnsville, Miss.	Povall, J. P., Booneville, Miss.
Holt, W. P., Burnsville, "	Strickland, W. A., Eagle, "
Killough, J. T., Kossuth, "	Williams, Geo., Booneville, "

APPENDIX.

The Union meeting of the First District meets with Booneville Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1887.

The Union meeting of the Second District meets with Mount Gilend Church on Thursday before the 1st full Moon in August, 1887.

NOTE BY CLERK.—No Reports of the Union Meetings has been furnished; therefore only time and place can be given.

Devotional Exercises during Association.

Thursday night—Sermon by Elder W. M. Henderson.

Friday at 11 o'clock—Associational Sermon by Elder J. H. Taylor.

Friday night—Sermon by Elder L. S. Owen.

Sunday Services—Sunday School Mass meeting at 9 o'clock a.m., conducted by John D. Bills.

11 a.m.—Sermon by Eld. J. B. Gambrell, in Baptist House.

11 a.m.—Sermon by Eld. W. L. Skinner, in M. E. House.

3 p.m.—Discussion on the proper observance of the Sabbath.

4 p.m.—Woman's Meeting.

DELEGATES.

Sunday night—Sermon by Eld J. H. Taylor, in Baptist House.
Elder W. L. Skinner preached in the colored Church same hour.

Collections were taken up at both Churches, after 11 o'clock sermons,
for Missions, amounting to \$19 30.

The following were enrolled as Delegates:

- Antioch No. 1—No Delegates; No. 2—J W Owens
- Baldwyn—J S Berry, W E Thomas, J W Burress.
- Booneville—J P Pavall, C R Lacy, E T Smith.
- Brush Creek—W L Burrow.
- Burnsville—No Delegate.
- Cane Creek—J A P Bradberry, J W Thompson, M H Hensley.
- Chewalla—J W T Derryberry.
- Corinth—John D Bills, James M Martin.
- Concord—M B Green, A N Voyles.
- Coln's Chapel—John Smith, Robert Emmons, James Emmons.
- Fairview—No representation.
- Farlington—J H Taylor, F P Smith.
- Glendale—R P Stricklin, M Wilson, J W Blakeney.
- Gaston—D T Beall, J T Statts, W H Hadspeth.
- Henkle's Creek—W M Henderson, T F Holt
- Iuka—J A Dugger, Sallie Hubbard, Allie Dugger.
- Jericho—R C Huckaby, J E McCarley.
- Kossuth—W L Skinner, W R Richardson, W A Richardson.
- Meadow Creek—T H Lynch, I M Glover, James Barrett.
- Mt. Hebron—A C Vandiver, H T Roberts, J W Turner.
- Mt. Pleasant—Letter. No Delegates.
- Mt. Olive—L R Burress, A J Evans, S D Chapman, W P McGee.
- Mt. Providence—J R Ellidge, H A Tennison.
- Mt. Gilead—G W Bishop, James Seago, James Smith.
- New Salem—J L Gray, A J Counts, H S Massey.
- New Providence—William Nunnally.
- Osborne Creek—T W Jones, A J Dalton, T E Spain.
- Piney Grove—No Report since 1884.
- Rocky Mount—G D Fagin, J M Morgan, S C Uselton.
- Rienzi—R E Holt, C C Dalton, Rufus Gray.
- Short Creek—Letter, but no Delegates.
- Shady Grove—No Report since 1884.
- Shiloh—O N J Stephenson, L A Burgess.
- Spring Hill—No Report since 1884.
- Sardis—W D Robinson, W W Salyers.
- Tuscumbia—R J Gossett, Walter Briggs.
- Union—L N Sweat, J L Gray, J W Gibson.
- Union Grove, 1—Letter, but no Delegates.
- Union Grove, 2—J F Overton, M I Thompson.

REPORT.

Treasurer's Report to Executive Board.

To Cash received for Minutes, former Association, -	\$ 34 00
To amount received for Association Missions, -	246 95
To amount received for Ministerial Education, -	6 15
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	\$287 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid Martin & Winston for Minutes, -	\$ 21 00
" " " Clerk for services, -	10 00
" " " for Postage, -	3 00
" " " J S Berry, Missionary, -	100 00
" " " Balance by error, 1885, -	10 00
" " " W M Henderson, Missionary, -	50 00
" " " S D Chapman, " -	20 00
" " " J L Gray, " -	12 00
" " " J Skinner, " -	20 00
" " " B F Taylor, " -	25 00
" " " for Ministerial Education, -	6 15
" " Cash on hand, to balance, -	9 95
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	\$287 10



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STATISTICS.

Statistics of Tishomingo Ass'n

MODERATOR—HON. JNO. D. BILLS, Corinth, Alcorn county, Miss.
CLERK—W. A. RICHARDSON, Kossuth, Alcorn county, Miss.

Churches.	PostOffice.	Pastors.	Added by			Diminished			Mem- ber- ship
			Baptism	Letter	Restor- ation	Letter	Exclu- sion	Deaths	
Antioch, No. 1....	Silver Springs	No Report							50
Antioch, No. 2....	Rienzi	J H Byrd	8			4		1	73
Baldwyn.....	Baldwyn	L R Burress	10	3		3	3		79
Booneville.....	Booneville	J H Taylor	8	9		4		1	72
Brush Creek ...	Burrow	J H Byrd	1					2	73
Burnsville.....	Burnsville	No Report							39
Cane Creek....	Wenasaga	J H Taylor	14	2	1	4	7	2	116
Chewalla.....	Chewalla, T'n	W C Butler	5	2		1			27
Corinth.....	Corinth	J D Jameson	4	13		4		4	127
Concord.....	Dry Run		1	6					16
Coln's Chapel....	Gravel Hill, T	B F Taylor	6					1	21
Fairview.....	Burnsville	J C Chambers		2	2		1		10
Farmington.....	Corinth	J H Taylor	11	6		21			125
Glendale.....	Eagle	W L Norman	14	12		5	1	3	62
Gaston.....	Booneville	G H Savage	3	3		12			74
Hinkle's Creek...	Hinkle	H G Savage	8	6	1	8		2	97
Iuka.....	Iuka	W L Skinner		2	2	3		3	67
Jericho.....	Bethany	J S Berry	2	1					29
Kossuth.....	Kossuth	W L Skinner				10			67
Liberty Hill.....	Burnsville	No Report							
Meadow Creek....	Booneville	W M Henderson	8			15	1	1	62
Mt. Hebron.....	Geeville	A C Vandiver	1			6	1		31
Mt. Pleasant.....	Booneville	W W Salvers	4						27
Mt. Olive.....	Geeville	L R Burress	2	7		18	4	2	222
Mt. Providence...	Benton	W C Patterson				1	2	1	23
Mt. Gilead.....	Iuka	J L Gray						3	77
New Salem.....	Burnsville	J H Taylor	7	1		6	1		77
New Providence...	Iuka	W W Salvers	10	6					16
Osborne Creek...	Booneville	H G Savage	4	2		4			133
Oak Grove.....	Chewalla, T'n	No Report							26
Piney Grove.....	Rienzi	No Report							18
Rocky Mount....	Geeville	A J Evans	2	4					15
Rienzi.....	Rienzi	J S Berry		1	1	8			36
Short Creek.....	Burnsville	J L Gray						1	7
Shady Grove....	Corinth	No Report							38
Shiloh.....	Theo	W L Skinner	1	1		15	6		126
Spring Hill.....	Cartersville...	J Skinner	4		1				16
Sardis.....	Burnsville	W C Patterson	9	2		2	3		58
Tusculumbia.....	Theo	W C Butler		1		7	1	1	58
Union.....	Hightown	B F Taylor	13	2		4			148
Union Grove, No 1			1	2		3			44
Union Grceve, No 2	Marietta	W M Henderson		9		1	1		19
Totals.....			164	105	8	169	32	28	2,429